



Hello everyone,

You will all have heard of our Carers Liaison person - Sam Cage - from my articles over the past years, and many of you will have come to know her as an enthusiastic, energetic, young lady with a smile and a laugh for everyone. She has looked after and made contact with all the family carers who are what The Debenham Project is all about. Just a year ago we asked her to set up Debenham On-Call and the Carers Co-op, on a 12 month part-time contract, both of which are up and running. She has done a great job whilst continuing in her voluntary role – and also earning her “real” living as a senior care worker. Well, her contract with us came to an end at the beginning of this month and also it was a time for Sam to think about developing her professional career. So, when, couple of months ago and quite by accident, she was approached to set up a new "local" domiciliary care agency as the "responsible manager", she applied and was accepted and started on the 1st of July. It is a substantial challenge and risk for her but I am sure that "with a little help from her friends" she is up for it. We wish her every success.

However, one of her big worries (and one of ours) was whether she could continue in her role with The Debenham Project. Sam wants to keep her contact with our carers, cared-for, and everyone else, and of course we are also all very keen that we should not lose her. The answer has come in the form of Stephanie Tomkins. Stephanie has been an active volunteer (telephone line, Carers Club, and Clinic) since the beginning of the project and she has very generously offered to share the carers liaison role and ensure that we continue to give all the support to carers that we can. I know that Stephanie and Sam will make an excellent team.

Although Sam is still going to be a big part of the project, I want to express all our grateful thanks for everything she has achieved, and to offer her all our very best wishes for this new chapter in her career. Also, thank you, Stephanie, for coming to the rescue.

Finally, I can't sign off without mention of the many generous donations that we receive – thank you so much. Also, with summer outings coming on don't forget that we have a wheelchair for loan.

With best wishes,

Lynden

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